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To whom it may concern,

I would like to briefly comment on the potential settlement on the Microsoft Anti-trust case.

At a time when the nation, and the state of Washington in particular, is in economic dire straits and struggling with change, it would seem like this settlement is something that should go forward as quickly as possible.

The landscape of high tech continues to change and if the U.S. has any chance of remaining a leader in portions of this, such as software, biotech, and aerospace, we need to have strong innovative companies. If Microsoft is continually shackled by the DOJ, private lawsuits, and uncertainty, it will indeed falter and no other punishment will be needed. This can do nothing but hurt the economy and high technology. 2002 is a crucial year for all. I urge speedy action.

I have been an executive at three software companies. My personal experience tells me that Microsoft is indeed an innovative company and it acts aggressively, but not unreasonably. I am not a Microsoft employee.

Sincerely,

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